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with compliments

Here, I have attached a copy of a letter Beryl received from a Federal M.P. Should you receive a similar letter you may find Beryl's reply useful

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Also, when backbencher Mr. Bill Burns, Member for Isaacs, proposed that the tax deduction for dependent spouses should be increased to help achieve economic justice for single-income families, the Council unanimously opposed that as well. Mrs. Bryant states that obviously N.W.A.C. is not going to do anything for mothers as a group.

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Would you be kind enough to consider the above comments made by Mrs. Bryant, and let me have your thoughts and opinions which would satisfactorily ease her concern.

With My Best Wishes,

Marshall Baillieu

Marshall Baillieu, M.P.,
 Federal Member for La Trobe.

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16th August, 1979.

Mrs. B. Beaurepaire,
National Women's Advisory Council,
Department of Home Affairs,
P.O. Box 1252,
CANBERRA, A.C.T., 2600.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL



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Dear Marshall,

Thank you for your letter of 16 August enquiring about the National Women's Advisory Council on behalf of a constituent, Mrs C. Bryant.

As you know the N.W.A.C. was established by the Commonwealth Government to provide it with advice on matters of concern to women. In establishing the Council the Government wished it to be as representative as possible of the views and experiences of women in Australia so that its advice to the Government would be soundly based. Each member was selected on the basis of her individual background and expertise.

The Council membership includes women aged from their 30's to 60's, grandmothers, married and single women. More than half of the members are full-time homemakers and their interests encompass child and family organisations.

... I have enclosed Council's press releases which detail Council's views on the two issues raised by Mrs Bryant, namely the Lusher Motion and tax deduction for dependent wives.

... I have also enclosed a complete set of the Council's press releases for your information and copies of the Council's newsletter, Response. You may wish to include a copy of Response with your reply to Mrs Bryant.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Beryl Beaurepaire

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